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## First Tuesday Update...FTU...October 3, 2023



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**“DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.” JOHN 2:5**

“Whatever”! This word alone sets the bar higher than any in life. The month of October is full of many blessed Holydays and none more significant to the EOHSJ than Our Lady, Queen of Palestine. Hopefully, you viewed the video of our Bishop Greg Gordon, KC\*HS, and your

Area Councillors. This gave pieces of the history of this Feast. As well as Her great comfort for our brothers and sisters in our Palestinian family.

We would like to take a moment to reflect and meditate upon this titles quote. Imagine the power of God’s Grace in this woman on the wedding day in Cana. She IS the THEOTOKOS...Mother of God. On this day she was also used by God the Father to give His son, Jesus, the message that “His time” has come through her directing the wine stewards to “do whatever He tells you.”

Mother Mary’s obedience in all ways at all times is undeniable. Everything she did then and now always points to her son’s purpose as our Messiah. She ardently leads us to know He is the Way-Truth-Life.

Our Lady tells us, even today, as she did at Cana...”do whatever”. Think of that when trying to justify poor behavior and habits. Christ gave us 2 Laws for the Love of God and All Man. There is no wiggle room in this life when we live by those words and follow His Way. As Dames and Knights, we are so honored to have her as our Patroness and Heavenly Queen of Palestine.

Below are 3 magnificent statue images of our Blessed Mother. From left to right we see Her in 3 distinct modes. These statues reside in Rome-Orvieto-Palestine.



Her hand says it boldly...stop and behold my child, the Messiah



Her fingers and hand, solemn in prayer as though in blessing...my heart is pierced, your salvation is at hand.



Our Mother Mary places Her welcoming full hand upon our heads, leading us to Her Son in Heavenly Jerusalem.

Our Lady Queen of Palestine...pray for us to do...WHATEVER HE TELLS US...

Blessings in His JOY...Joe/Connie 🙏🔥✚☩



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## Connie's Corner

Community! What is a community? In today's society community has many different aspects, basically a group of people who have a common ideology, purpose, goals or geographic location. This can be religious or secular. Common location is no longer necessary. Members of a community are important to one another and they band together in whatever purpose they share.

We as Dames and Knights are part of many different communities. Our neighborhoods, our city, different social and church groups with which we participate. But, first and foremost members of Jesus Christ's Community! We share our love and devotion our Lord and Savior. We are so blessed to belong to an exceptional community by membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. A worldwide community with a common purpose serving our Lord and His people in His homeland. Once a year we come together in the Western Lieutenancy to pray together, learn and reconnect. Friendships are made and reinvigorated. Most important we come together to welcome new members into this special Pontifical community. Let us all welcome these new members from our city and the other Councils with warmth, love and joy! Think back to your investiture weekend. Who was that special person or persons who made you feel welcome and comfortable. Will you be that special person for someone?

In His Service,  
Connie

**ROSARY**...even on the edge of the Annual Meeting the faithful come to share the Rosary and what a blessing to have Dames Jennifer and Julie continue the spiritual momentum of our past leaders and grow the spirit and bond of love and care for the Council members. Our next Rosary is **Monday, November 6th again at BGHS at 6pm.**

**OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PALESTINE** ...OLQOP feast day falls on the weekend of October 29 and 30 this year, but in some areas, it is celebrated the entire month of October, according to Bishop Gordon, KC\*HS. This is why an email from Bishop Gordon's office was sent to every pastor and bulletin editor in our Archdiocese last week with information and a link to a professionally-produced video about OLQOP that features Bishop Gordon himself, as well as our own Co-Councilors, Joe and Connie Micatrotto. The video explains the importance of Our Lady Queen of Palestine as Patroness of the EOHSJ but also offers information about the Order - what it is and what we do. It is hoped that parishioners in all parishes in our Archdiocese will click on the link to learn about the EOHSJ and will contact Joe and Connie with further questions. This endeavor hopes to spread the word about the Order to thousands of our fellow Catholics here in Las Vegas!

Click here or copy this URL into your browser to watch the video:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/iig8jispqge3uwzu368q27/EOHS\\_Video\\_V2.mp4?rlkey=qimcpu4n8atht0n1sesdx022x&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/iig8jispqge3uwzu368q27/EOHS_Video_V2.mp4?rlkey=qimcpu4n8atht0n1sesdx022x&dl=0)

~Dave/Debbie Barton, KCHS/DCHS



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**SPIRITUAL LEADERS... FORGIVENESS...** something that we have all struggled with at one time or another. What does forgiveness truly mean? The greatest act of forgiveness in history was demonstrated by our Lord on the Cross! Luke 23:24...then Jesus said, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

Do not let frustration, hate, or anger fester inside you. We are not perfect on this Earth, but we are in the eyes of our Father. As our own Fr. Bill Kenny, KHS, preached in his September 17th homily, "it's not about forgive and forget, but FORGIVE and NEVER mention it again."

We are challenged to forgive, to truly forgive from the heart. Do you have a relationship that needs reconciliation? Who can you forgive today? Let it be TRUE FORGIVENESS so you can experience the JOY in life you deserve!

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DHS & Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick DCHS

**MENTORING INITIATIVE...** The Mentoring Initiative falls under the "Engagement" Committee's purview and our goal is to welcome our newly-invested members into our Council. This initiative was begun this year, with twelve of our members serving as mentors to each of the twelve members who were invested last October in Pasadena.

We want to make each of you feel welcomed and appreciated – and integral to our Council because you are integral!

Please make a point to introduce yourself and others to these newest members at our Monthly Rosaries and our upcoming Summer Retreat in August. Answer any questions they may have about the Order and our own Council's projects. Our new members are the future of our Council and we appreciate you!

**ENGAGEMENT & ENHANCEMENT...** As part of our Engagement & Enhancement Committee, we're excited to announce that we will begin using nametags once again beginning at the November rosary. Our Council is growing by leaps and bounds and many members have mentioned that it's difficult to get around to meet all of our new members and investees at rosary. Dame Quennie Manuel is helping out tremendously by having new nametags made for our investees, as well as anyone whose nametag has been lost or misplaced. Everyone else already has a nametag - again, thanks to Quennie - and these will be given out at the November rosary. We ask you to keep these in your car so that you'll be sure to have them with you for the next rosary. Put them in your glove compartment, around the visor, or in your center console - anywhere but in your house. If you forget to take it into the BGHS chapel for rosary, just retrieve it from your car. We think this simple change will help everyone remember one another's name and we can better "engage" with one another!

~Dave and Debby Barton, KCHS/DCHS

**FIAT/ST. HELENA PILGRIMAGE UPDATE...FIAT #1** dates and Fiat Pilgrims (4+2) are set! The first Team leaves on January 3 and returns January 24th, as they journey to Bethlehem and the Holy Land. They will be sharing 3 weeks of their lives with the needy and deserving family members of Hogar Ninos Dios (HND) and Antonia Charitable Services (ACS). We will join them and detail, record and video this first St. Helena Pilgrimage of Faith in Action Today. This program will now include many community interactions and visiting of sites with extended visits at Beit Jala Seminary, the Jerusalem Headquarters of the Latin Patriarch and some time at the Franciscan Casa Nova. The FTU in November and December will have more details on the preparation and the trip. Prayerfully, you too will consider a FIAT in your future!



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**JUSTICE & PEACE...**As we prepare for the January 3-24 initial St. Helena FIAT Pilgrimage, we will pay extra close attention to the issues brought forth by our own J&P leader as well as doing some “close-up” conversations with the residents, especially those in Bethlehem. They are a mix of Palestinian Christians and Muslims, but they share some of the same discriminatory situations, regardless. Folks, we are all God’s children and deserve to be treated as such! Below the update from Sir Ray, note 3 pics of “regular super folks of Bethlehem”.

2023 has already set the all-time record for settlement construction in the West Bank according to the Peace Now settlement watchdog. The group said the Higher Planning Council approved the building of 12,855 housing units so far. Usually, they approve between 1,000 and 8,500 a year. The previous record was 2020 with 12,000 units for the full year.

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader



**LVC MEN’S BOOK CLUB...** We’ve finished reading Trent Horn’s “Why We’re Catholic” and now move on to yet another book of C. S. Lewis, “The Screwtape Letters”, a diabolical masterpiece of satire, that offers a sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to “Our Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, “The Screwtape Letters” comprises the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil Screwtape and his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man.

Our next meeting is **October 25th @ 11:00 AM.** Join Us! We have all found reading great literature and sharing views quite rewarding. You do not need be a literary giant to join. Who is? Call me for information....Jeff Boughrum 702.523.3270.

**WESTERN LIEUTENANCY WEB SITE...**remember, we do have a really good web site that can keep you up to date on so many aspects of our WL, the ORDER and the events of the other Councils. We do share our FTU with many folks but the larger picture of the Lieutenancy is best captured by staying in tune with our website at [www.eohsjwesternusa.org](http://www.eohsjwesternusa.org)



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**PILGRIMAGE 2024**...March 10-24, 2024, this pilgrimage is filled but we are still taking backups. If you have family or friends that would be interested let them know and let us know NOW. Again, this is the Holy Land and Jordan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Higgins, KC\*HS, Fr. Bill Kenny, KCHS and Deacon Jim Carabajal, KHS.

**PILGRIMAGE HOLY YEAR ALL ITALY**...March 17-29, 2025. Get on the growing list now...Assisi, Rome, Florence and side trips to Orvieto, Siena, Lucca, Pisa! Including special Masses at the 4 Rome Cathedrals for the Holy Year and visit to EOHSJ Headquarters. Demand is huge, first come first on the list and Order members always get preference.

**PILGRIMAGE HOLY LAND NOVEMBER, 2025**...**October 20-November 1, 2025** this yet to be finalized Pilgrimage will include stays in Tel Aviv, Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. It will be 13 days of spiritual joy. Look for more info soon!

**FINALLY**...as we close this month's FTU we are drawn again to this role model woman, Mary of Nazareth. We can remember back as students attending Holy Rosary School in Cleveland...our St. Lucy nuns would tell us, for extra blessings write in the upper corner of our papers.... JMJ.... Jesus-Mary-Joseph. As we look back as children of God over 70 years and think...what a family, an eternal legacy for all mankind.

And then we think of this young virgin Nazarene girl, daughter of Elizabeth and Zachariah. Mary, who at only 13-14 years old gives her YES, her FIAT, to the Archangel messenger of God, Gabriel. What courage, grace and love she exemplifies for all the ages to come.



Now here is our "final" point for us ALL. How vital and important are our young children...who may be friends, relatives, our own and grandchildren? How is our example and mentoring to them? Prayerfully, you are like Mary's parents, by allowing their hearts to be opened to the words and will of our Lord Jesus. Our youth, especially in these insidious times, desperately need all of our collective guidance to move toward our Lord.... if NOT you then WHO?

In this final picture we see the actual home in Nazareth where Gabriel appeared to the young Mary...and her words to the Archangel said it all...." I am the Lord's servant".

We pray that we too can say these words to all the youth we are blest to encounter 🙏

Blessings in the Most Holy Name of Mary.... Connie/Joe   